

Figure 1 consists of 11 sub-diagrams labeled (a) through (k), arranged vertically. Each diagram shows a cross-section of a vortex core. (a) shows a single, roughly circular vortex core with a central singularity. (b) through (j) show the core elongating and developing a secondary vortex core. (k) shows the final state with two distinct vortex cores.

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